CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL　　　　　　　　　　No. 888

Introduced by Assembly Member Negrete McLeod

February 22, 2001

An act *to add and repeal Section 76301 of the Education Code,* relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 888, as amended, Negrete McLeod. Community college students: book grants.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community College. *Existing law authorizes the establishment of community college districts under the administration of community college governing boards, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at community college campuses throughout the state. Existing law also requires community college governing boards to charge students an enrollment fee, but exempts from this fee a recipient of benefits under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program, the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program, or a general assistance program, who has demonstrated financial need according to income standards specified by the board of governors, or who is a dependent, or surviving spouse who has not remarried, of a member of the California National Guard who died as the result of an event that occurred while in the active service of the state, as prescribed.*

This bill would ~~express the intent of the Legislature to enact an act to expand programs that offer certain community college students an opportunity to receive book grants~~ *require the Student Aid Commission to provide a book grant, in accordance with a prescribed schedule, to a student, other than a student who receives a Cal Grant award or a Extended Opportunities and Services (EOPS) book grant, whose fees are waived because of demonstrated financial need in accordance with income standards specified by the board of governors, if the student completes and submits the standard application for federal and state student financial aid. The bill would provide that a book grant provided under the bill is nontransferable and nonconvertible, and that it may be used only at a bookstore located on the campus attended by the recipient. The bill would require those book grants to be distributed no later than the end of the first full week of the academic year. The bill would prohibit a student from receiving more than one of those book grants in any academic year.*

The implementation of the bill in any fiscal year would be contingent upon the enactment of an appropriation for its purposes in the annual Budget Act or in another measure. The bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to report, in writing, on the effectiveness of this program to the Legislature and the Governor. These provisions would become inoperative as of July 1, 2006, and would be repealed as of January 1, 2007.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ *yes*. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1.   It is the intent of the Legislature to enact an act~~
2 ~~to expand programs that offer, to community college students who~~
3 ~~are on the Board of Governors Waiver B and C or are participating~~
4 ~~in the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, an~~
5 ~~opportunity to receive book grants.~~
6 *SECTION 1.   Section 76301 is added to the Education Code,*
7 *to read:*
8 *76301.   (a) The student aid commission shall provide a book*
9 *grant to a student whose fees are waived pursuant to subdivision*
10 *(g) of Section 76300 and who completes and submits the standard*
11 *application for federal and state student financial aid, as*
12 *referenced in Section 69534.1.*

1 *(b) The amounts of the book grants under this section shall be*
2 *as follows:*
3 *(1) Full-time students taking at least 12 units per semester shall*
4 *receive two hundred dollars ($200) per semester.*
5 *(2) Three-quarter-time students taking at least nine, but fewer*
6 *than 12, units per semester shall receive one hundred fifty dollars*
7 *($150) per semester.*
8 *(3) Half-time students taking at least six, but fewer than nine,*
9 *units per semester shall receive one hundred dollars ($100) per*
10 *semester.*
11 *(c) A book grant provided under this section is nontransferable*
12 *and nonconvertible, and may be used only at a bookstore located*
13 *on the campus attended by the recipient. All book grants provided*
14 *under this section shall be distributed no later than the end of the*
15 *first full week of the academic year. No student may receive more*
16 *than one book grant under this section in any academic year.*
17 *(d) A student whose fees are waived pursuant to the income*
18 *standards established by the board of governors and referenced in*
19 *subdivision (g) of Section 76300, and who attends a community*
20 *college that uses the quarter system, shall receive, in accordance*
21 *with the number of quarter units taken, a grant in an amount*
22 *appropriate to the equivalent level of semester units set forth in*
23 *subdivision (b), as determined by the student aid commission.*
24 *(e) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), no student who receives*
25 *an award under the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal*
26 *Grant Program (Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section 69430) of*
27 *Part 42) or who receives an Extended Opportunity Programs and*
28 *Services (EOPS) book grant may receive a book grant under this*
29 *section.*
30 *(f) This section shall be implemented only during those fiscal*
31 *years for which funding is provided for the purposes of this section*
32 *in the annual Budget Act or in another measure.*
33 *(g) On or before January 1, 2005, the Chancellor of the*
34 *California Community Colleges shall report, in writing, to the*
35 *Legislature and the Governor on the effectiveness of the book grant*
36 *program enacted by this section.*
37 *(h) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2006, and,*
38 *as of January 1, 2007, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,*

1 *that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2007, deletes or*
2 *extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.*

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